

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

 International Application No.
 PCT/BE 03/00194

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C07K16/24 C07K16/28 C12N15/13

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the texts searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, BIOSIS, MEDLINE, EMBASE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 99/09055 A (INNOGENETICS NV ;SABLON ERWIN (BE); BUYSE MARIE ANGE (BE)) 25 February 1999 (1999-02-25) page 24, line 25-28 page 26, last paragraph -page 27, paragraph 1 ---	1-7,11, 14-21, 25-49
Y	MUYLDERMANS S: "SINGLE DOMAIN CAMEL ANTIBODIES: CURRENT STATUS" REVIEWS IN MOLECULAR BIOTECHNOLOGY, ELSEVIER, AMSTERDAM,, NL, vol. 74, no. 4, June 2001 (2001-06), pages 277-302, XP001057480 ISSN: 1389-0352 page 280, left-hand column, paragraph 1 -page 296, right-hand column, paragraph 1 Y page 296, right-hand column -page 297, right-hand column, paragraph 1; table 1 ---	1-3,11, 14-21, 25-49
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37 and 39 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 22-24 (complete) and 25-26 and 39 (in part)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims, it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 22-24 (complete) and 25-26 and 39 (in part)

Present claims 22-24 (completely) and 25, 26 and 39 (in part) relate to an agent defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely, that it can be identified according to the methods of claims 18-20. The claims cover all agents having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for none of such agents. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the agent by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has not been carried out for those claims or parts thereof.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Information on patent family members

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